

# RECOEDER.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1828.

No. 453.

## RICES CURRENT.

	Wilmington, Oct. 22.	Fayetteville, Oct. 23.	Newbern, Oct. 18.	Peterburg, Oct. 17.
	cts. cts.	cts. cts.	cts. cts.	cts. cts.
Brandy, Cognac,	gall.	127. 13	151. 175	150. 175
Apple,		28. 30	36. 40	45. 50
Peach,		—	50. 60	50. 60
Bacon,	lb.	7. 10	6. 8	6. 7
Beewax,		24. 25	20. 22	20. 22
Butter,		15. 16	15. 20	21. 25
Coffee,		14. 15	16. 17	13. 18
Corn,	bush.	40	35. 40	35. 40
Cotton,	lb.	9	8. 1	9. 10
Catfish, mould,		15. 16	16	14. 17
Faxseed, rough,	bush.	—	80. 85	70. 80
Fruit,	bbl.	650. 700	425. 450	650. 700
Feathers,	lb.	—	25. 28	35. 40
Gin, Holland,	gall.	100. 120	125. 150	125. 150
Country,		30. 37	50	45
Iron,	ton.	—	—	11000. 12000
Lard,	lb.	9. 10	7. 7	6. 7
Tallow,	cask.	150. 175	250. 300	—
Mustard,	gall.	35	40. 45	32
Naug. Cut, assorted,	kg.	—	9	7. 9
Irons,	bush.	—	22. 25	—
Powder, American,	keg.	—	725. 800	—
Rum, Jamaica,	gall.	100. 125	125. 150	120. 125
East India,		80. 90	70. 8	80. 95
New England,	cwt.	32. 40	45. 50	45. 50
Rice,		300	350. 400	300. 325
Sugar,		—	1000. 1100	1000. 1100
Salt, Liverpool,	bush.	—	90	75. 80
Turk's Island,	cwt.	40. 45	80	50. 60
Sugar, Brown,	ton.	900. 1000	1025. 1200	900. 1000
Loaf,	lb.	—	20. 25	18. 25
Tea, Imperial and Gunpowder,		—	150. 175	160. 180
Honey,		—	120	150
Young Iyon,		—	—	100. 125
Tobacco,	cwt.	400. 425	250. 275	—
Tallow,	lb.	10. 1	8	10
Wax,	bush.	—	75. 80	75. 95
Whiskey,	gall.	26. 30	25. 35	30. 35
Wine, Madeira,		—	250. 400	300. 400
Tenerife,		—	150. 175	200. 160
Sherry,		—	160. 225	200. 250
Port,		—	210. 380	—
Malaga,		—	70. 80	100. 120

## HILLSBOROUGH, N. C.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

BY DENNIS HEARPT,

AT THREE DOLLARS A YEAR, OR TWO DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS IF PAID IN ADVANCE.

Those who do not give notice of their wish to have their paper discontinued at the expiration of the year, will be presumed as desiring its continuance until countermanded. And no paper will be discontinued until all arrearages are paid, unless at the option of the publisher.

Whoever will procure six subscribers, and guarantee the payments, shall receive the same gratis.

Advertisements not exceeding sixteen lines will be inserted three times for one dollar, and twenty-five cents for each continuance.

Subscriptions received by the printer, and most of the post-masters in the state.

All letters upon business relative to the paper must be post-paid.

The Synod of North-Carolina will meet at Raleigh, on the 4th of November next.

October 7.

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A Methodist Camp-Meeting will commence at Low's Meeting-House, in Rockingham county, near the High Rock on Haw River, on Friday the 31st of October, and end on the Tuesday following. Both meetings to be under the superintendence of the Rev. PETER DOUG, presiding elder of the Yadkin District.

October 21.

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Proposals for publishing, in the town of Halifax, North Carolina, a Weekly Newspaper, to be called the

## HALIFAX MINERVA

BY JOHN CAMPBELL.

The MINERVA will be printed on a large sheet of good paper, with handsome type.

Information of every kind, interesting to the Farmer, the Politician, the Merchant, the Professional Gentleman, and the Mechanic, will be carefully selected; nor shall the Ladies and those fond of amusement be neglected. In fine

— it will be my grand aim to render the MINERVA a welcome Visitor and an instructive and amusing Companion to every class of the community.

I am a Republican in principle, and a Southerner in feeling. But on all important measures,

when conflicting interests or party spirit may excite discussion, I shall endeavour to pursue a moderate and cautious course. The columns of the MINERVA shall never be left to a *Factio*, nor advocate principles or measures hurtful to our common country. The merits of candidates for important offices will be canvassed strictly, but fairly; and the errors of those in office shall be exposed.

Upon the all-engrossing subject of the presidential question, it is unnecessary to speak, as the election will have been made before the publication of the MINERVA.

With this brief sketch of my views and principles, I most respectfully solicit public patronage. Persons to whom this prospectus shall be sent, will please use their exertions to obtain subscribers, and make a return to the Post Master at HALIFAX, by the 1st of December next, as it is designed to commence the publication of the MINERVA about that time.

The price of subscription will be two dollars and fifty cents, if paid in advance; or three dollars, if payment is not made in three months from the receipt of the first number.

Any person who shall procure six subscribers and become responsible for the payment, shall be entitled to a seventh gratis.

The persons at a distance I feel willing to make the terms as accommodating as possible; therefore, where a company of twelve subscribers shall be made up, the price, to each subscriber, will be reduced fifty cents, from the above price.

Advertisements will be inserted on the customary terms.

John Campbell

Oct. 21.

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## LAND SALE.

PURSUANT to a decree of the Court of Equity for Orange county, made at September term last, I shall expose to public sale, at the court house in Hillsborough, on the 24th day of November next, a tract of land containing

## 306 ACRES.

more or less, belonging to the heirs of the late

William Bigham, deceased, lying in the county aforesaid, and adjoining the lands of Robert

hatted, William Mebane and others. A credit of one, two, three, four, and five years will

be given, in equal instalments. Bond and sufficient security will be required for the purchase money.

James Webb, c. M. E.

Price adv. \$2 75

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October 7.

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## MILTON FEMALE ACADEMY.

THE present Superintendents, the Rev.

DANIEL A. PENICK, and the Misses M. &

E. SMITH, being anxious to render this institution, in the highest degree, beneficial to the interests of Female Education, feel themselves called upon to present to the public a more extended notice of its course of instruction, regulations, &c. This is thought to be highly proper, and specially due to their patrons, at the present time, on account of the change which is being made in the vacations, viz.

from the summer and winter, to the spring and fall.

The present session, which commenced

the 15th of July, will be extended to the middle of March 1829, making a term of eight months.

Those parents or guardians who entered

their children or wards at the commencement

of the present session for five months,

will, of course, have the privilege of with-

drawing them at the end of five months from

the 15th of July, if they think proper. But

those who do not withdraw their children or

wards at that time, i.e. who continue them in

school till after the 15th December, will be re-

garded as having engaged for the whole term

of eight months, and obligated themselves for

the tuition fees accordingly.

April and October, therefore, in future, will

be vacation months, for relaxation and recre-

ation; the summer session of five months com-

encing the first of May, and the winter ses-

sion the first of November.

A full course of instruction, in this institu-

tion, will embrace the following subjects, the

first five or six of which will run through the

whole course, viz.

Spelling and Defining, Reading, Writing,

Arithmetick, and Grammat; Geography, Antient,

Modern, and Sacred; Astronomy; use of the

Globes, and projection of Maps; History of

the United States; Philosophy, Natural and

Moral; Mnemonics; Chronology; Mythology;

History, Antient and Modern; Profane and

Ecclesiastical; Rhetoric; Logic; Chemistry;

Composition.

After this, should there be time, attention

will be paid to Mineralogy, Botany, Algebra,

Calculus, and Geometry. The languages will

be taught if desired.

Plain and fancy needle work, and vocal mu-

sic, are taught as far as possible, to all the stu-

dents. Instrumental music, painting, and or-

namental work, to any who may desire it.

A small, but growing Library, of nearly 200

volumes of well-selected books, is kept in the

Academy, and accessible to all the students.

At the end of every session, premiums are

awarded to the most deserving, and to those

who shall complete a full course with us, of

not less than three years, and who shall stand

an approved examination, medals of gradu-

ation will be presented. And in addition to this,

at the close of each session, a circular will in-

form the parents and guardians of our pupils,

in regard to their studies, deportment, &c.

The prices of tuition, per session, are \$11.00

and \$16.00, according to the branches taught.

These are exclusive of ornamental



as such, I was resolved it should be. By which means, please your worship, I heard a great jumping on the widow lady's landing places; and as such I ran down stairs to strike a light; for I considered that improper things were about to commence, by which means I thought the best way would be to throw a light upon 'em; and, as such, that was my reason for running down stairs to strike a light. By which means when I had struck a light, and, as such, went to see what they were about, this gentleman knocked it out of my hand; by which means I laid hold of him and ordered him to quit my premises momentaneously; and, as such, he laid hold of my leg. Sir, says I, "I shall thank you to let my leg go; by which means he would not; and, as such, he split my trowsers from the ankle to the hip."

Mr. Allen, in reply, said, "Some of that are pretty true, and some of it is very false; because why—did not knock out the light before he had laid hold of my collar to turn me out like a dog; and I was not going to be served in that way, consequentially I stood up in my own defence."

Mr. Squires rejoinder, said, "Your Worship, I have no doubt it was his intention to disparage the respectability of my house—else why should he come home, with the widow lady, like a thief in the night? and as such he is a false man; by which means I hope you will see me righted."

Mr. Alderman Farebrother—"It appears to me, Mr. Squires, that you have brought this assault upon yourself by intruding yourself too officiously into the widow's apartment. Whilst the widow pays you rent for that apartment she has a right to receive whom she pleases there; and as such I would advise you to get rid of the widow; by which means you will avoid coming into any unpleasant contact with her visitors."

And as such, the complaint was dismissed.

#### NEW SPINNING MACHINE.

##### IMPORTANT INVENTION.

We this morning examined and saw in operation a most ingenious and valuable machine for spinning flax and hemp, invented by Dr. Bell and Mr. Dyer, two intelligent and highly respectable gentlemen from New England. They entered upon the prosecution of their plans last winter, and have now brought them to a successful termination. As the patent has not been secured, we are not permitted to give a full description of the invention; but the following particulars will be interesting to our readers, especially to those who wish well to the cause of American manufacturers.

This machine is constructed on an entirely new principle, having no analogy to the process for the cotton, woolen, worsted, or other manufacture. The quality of the yarns produced is pronounced, by competent judges, to surpass other linen yarns in as great a proportion as cotton or woolen yarns, spun by the present improved machinery, are superior to those wrought by hand. The size of the thread can be varied to any extent, from that of cambric to that of the rope yarns used in the manufacture of cordage. In the degree of velocity, its operation is limited only by the quickness which the spindles and fibers are capable of supporting. The instrument now in operation produces about the same quantity of thread per spindle, fineness being equal, as the *throstle* spindles in the cotton manufacture. The whole formation of the thread from dressed flax is completed at one operation. The material laid on the machine is wound upon the spools ready for the loom, without the intervention of any assistance, the whole being effected by the rotary motion communicated from drums. Indeed, all the motions of the instrument are of a circular kind.

So far as our observation or knowledge extends, this invention is entirely original, and nothing of the kind exists in the workshops of the United States or Europe, where fabrics from flax are entirely wrought by hand. The manufactures of linens will now be placed upon the same ground and enjoy the same facilities as cottons. It has been estimated, that, upon moderate calculations, two millions of dollars may be saved annually to this country by the reduced expenses of linen fabrics, effected by this invention. If it be not introduced abroad, and foreign prices thus diminished, the products of our own looms will supply our markets and prevent importations from maintaining competition. Such is our impression of the importance of this machine. Those who are incredulous on the subject, may have their doubts removed by an examination of specimens of the thread at this office, or by inspecting the machine at the corner of Pine and Water streets.

N. Y. Statesman.

#### HILLSBOROUGH.

Wednesday, October 29.

##### ELECTORAL.

Administration Ticket.  
FOR PRESIDENT,  
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, of Massachusetts.  
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
RICHARD RUSH, of Pennsylvania.

First Dist.—Isaac T. Avery, of Burke,  
Second, Abner Franklin, of Irredell,  
Third, Robert H. Burton, of Lincoln,  
Fourth, Edmund Deberry, of Montgomery,  
Fifth, Jas. T. Moorehead, of Rockingham,  
Sixth, Alexander Gray, of Randolph,  
Seventh, Benj. Robinson, of Cumberland,  
Eighth, James S. Smith, of Orange,  
Ninth, William Hinton, of Wake,  
Tenth, Edward Hall, of Franklin,  
Eleventh, Samuel Hyman, of Martin,  
Twelfth, Isaac N. Lamb, of Pasquotank,  
Thirteenth, William Clark, of Pitt,  
Fourteenth, Wm. S. Blackledge, of Craven,  
Fifteenth, Daniel L. Kenan, of Duplin,

##### Jackson Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT,  
ANDREW JACKSON, of Tennessee.  
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
JOHN C. CALHOUN, of South Carolina.

First District—Robert Love, of Haywood,  
Second, Montfort Stokes, of Wilkes,  
Third, Peter Forney, of Lincoln,  
Fourth, John Giles, of Rowan,  
Fifth, Abraham Phillips, of Rockingham,  
Sixth, John M. Morehead, of Guilford,  
Seventh, Walter F. Leach, of Richmond,  
Eighth, Willis P. Mumford, of Orange,  
Ninth, Rev. Josiah Crudup, of Wake,  
Tenth, John Hall, of Warren,  
Eleventh, Joseph J. Williams, of Martin,  
Twelfth, Cedar Ballard, of Gates,  
Thirteenth, Louis D. Wilson, of Edgecombe,  
Fourteenth, Richard D. Speight, of Craven,  
Fifteenth, Edwd. B. Dudley, of New Hanover.

\* \* \* The election takes place on the second Thursday (the 13th) of November next.

\* \* \* Any quantities of either of the above tickets will be furnished on application, at 25 cents per hundred.

Henry Bowles, has been committed to the jail of this county, charged with the murder of Robert Dickey. We shall refrain from giving particulars; but as related to us, this murderer is characterised by circumstances of unusual atrocity.

At the Superior Court of Guilford county, held last week, Jesse Upton, who has twice been convicted of the murder of his wife, and as often delayed the sentence of the law by appeal to the Supreme Court, was ordered to be executed on Friday the 7th of November next.

Governor Trimble, of Ohio, has issued a proclamation recommending Friday the 14th of November next, to be observed by the people of that state as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty God, for the numerous and invaluable blessings which he has been pleased to bestow upon them and the whole country.

A fire broke out in Fredericksburg, Va. on the 14th inst. which consumed seven or eight houses; supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The houses were all insured.

Counterfeit bills, of 100 dollars, purporting to be of the New-Orleans Branch of the United States Bank, have lately been passed in Boston.

A Norfolk paper of the 6th inst. states, that 60,000 bushels of wheat arrived in New-York from the south, in five days, which was sold at from \$1.30 to \$1.50 per bushel.

Swash.—We have been favored by a friend, with the perusal of a letter from Lieut. Eliason of Fort Macon, the intelligent engineer appointed to superintend the works at the Swash. He says, that a dredging-machine, with a double set of scoops, possessing from 24 to 3 times the power of the one recommended by Capt. Bache, in his report to congress, is to be delivered at Beaufort on the 1st March next, and that it is probable, by the 1st May, the work will be commenced and vigorously prosecuted. We understand, it is the opinion of Mr. Eliason, that the enterprise is not only practicable, but within the compass of small means compared with its magnitude and importance.

With the Swash deepened and a central rail way constructed, the effect on the prosperity of the state, and particularly of this town, will be incalculable. *Newbern Spectator.*

Fly Shuttle Loom.—We went yesterday morning with several gentlemen, to visit Mr. David Reid's weaving establishment in Craven street. He has erected, in company with a Mr. Person, recently arrived from Scotland, a fly shuttle loom, and intends extending the concern. Mr. P. we learn, has been many years engaged as a weaver in extensive English factories, and is a first rate artist—we found him intelligent and civil, and returned highly gratified with our visit. The machine appears simple, of but little cost, and easy re-

pair. There were warped on it 260 yards of thread, and we are informed that a day's work was from 20 to 30 yards of cloth twilled, to go 6 or 8 yards to the pound. The weaving was beautifully done, and with astonishing facility. We call the attention of our Jackson friends to it, as the most effectual, as well as constitutional remedy against the operation of the Tariff; indeed we recommend it to the patronage of the public as likely to prove a very convenient establishment; and in particular to our female friends, from whose decision there is no appeal. — *Ibid.*

Luzon Nature.—About three weeks since, the wife of Mr. Nathan Allman, living in this county, about ten miles east of this town, was delivered of a male child, with neither hands nor feet. The arms are perfect as far as the wrist joints, which terminate in a blunt cloven end, not unlike a goat's foot: the legs are wanting below where the knee-joints should be: near the end of the right leg, are two knots, on opposite sides of the limb, resembling deformed toes. The child is healthy, and bids fair to grow up. — *West. Car.*

We understand a negro man, the property of Mr. James Leigh, of Perquimans county, was stabbed with a knife and killed a few days since, in Camden county, by a white man, who has been committed to jail. — *Elizabeth City Star.*

Mesers. J. & J. Harper, of New York, have in press, and will shortly publish, a work entitled *Domestic Duties*, designed for young married ladies. This work has run hastily through three editions in London, and only a few copies have ever reached this country. — The contents of the work are addressed more particularly to young house-keepers, on the subjects of their social relations, their household concerns, the regulation of their time, their moral and religious duties. There is wide scope for much interesting detail under these several heads, and the newly married lady will doubtless find good advice and direction for whatever sphere of life she is destined. — *N. E. Pallad.*

It has been agreed, says the N. Y. Journal of Commerce, that the umpire to decide the question respecting the boundary line between Maine and New Brunswick, shall be the king of the Netherlands.

A passenger in the Albany steam boat, on the 14th inst. was robbed of his pocket book, and \$1100.

An Impostor.—The Methodist minister, trustees, and class leaders of Rochester, have advertised a young man by the name of Amzi W. Curtis, a pretended minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as an impostor. He has been recently tried by the Quarterly Conference, on the following charges, viz. disorderly conduct, speaking evil of ministers, sowing discord among brethren, lying. There were fourteen specifications, on all of which he has been found guilty. It moreover appears that for a number of years he has been disgracing an assumed ministerial character. After several seductions and adulteries in Ohio, he fled from thence leaving his victims and their unwelcome offspring unprovided for. The last information, left him engaged in preaching in Steuben county. — *Com. Adv.*

Isaac Bishop of Darien, Conn. who has lately astonished and shocked the public by the commission of crimes, outrageous and desperate, was tried by the Superior Court in Danbury, Conn. and found guilty of adultery and of the crime of poisoning the wells of three of his neighbors. The sentences of the Court on these several crimes included imprisonment at hard labor during life, and fines to a considerable amount. But to these crimes he has added yet another, for which he is bound over to the final retribution—he has poisoned himself. He was found in the agonies of death on the morning when he was to have been conducted to the state prison. His shroud had subsequently been conveyed to him by Mrs. Weed, the participant in his first crime. He had made provision for interment in his own burying place, in a written instrument, and left funds to defray the expenses.

In the case of Jonathan Russell vs. Seth Hunt, which has been for several years depending in the Court in the city of New York, a trial has at length been had, and a verdict given in favor of Mr. Russell. This suit arose from some publications by Mr. Hunt, in a newspaper,

under the signature of *Ariel*, charging Mr. Russell with having impeded the information which he obtained as one of the Commissioners of the United States at Ghent, political events, to the house of Mullets, London, in order to enable that house to speculate for his benefit and their own, upon such events.

Naval.—We understand that orders have been received to equip the U. S. frigate *Guerrier*, lying at the Navy Yard, Gosport, for sea, with all possible despatch. — *Beacon.*

Apples are so plenty this season, in some parts of Massachusetts, that they are suffered to drop off and rot, and hogs and cattle turned in to feed on them: cider is so low, that it is not worth making.

A letter from Chipola, Florida, July 18, says, "lands have risen at least 300 per cent. in price, and are daily advancing; the tide of emigration is flowing in rapidly, and the country will prove uninterruptedly healthy. The physicians, to avoid starvation, are moving away. We have had a drought which produces much alarm. It is a critical time, for the corn is now in milk. The cane crops are not yet injured: they are as fine as ever were seen."

Christie, a fugitive from Upper Canada, accused of murdering his benefactor's son (Isaac James) and running off with his wagon and horses, has been arrested in Troy, N. York.

Fire.—On the 6th instant, the large three story brick building, known as the "Washington Hall," situated on the corner of Bay and Jefferson streets, Savannah, was entirely destroyed by fire.

Improved Travelling.—However strange it may have appeared a few years since, the distance between N. York and Detroit, 750 miles, is now performed in four days and a half, viz. from Detroit to Buffalo, 250 miles, in 48 hours; Buffalo to Albany, 360 miles, 48; hours and from Albany to New York, 150 miles, in 12 hours.

Not long since, in one of the bye streets of this city, a man was found thrashing a woman for some offence that she had done. A captain of a vessel, passing by at the same time, stopped a moment, and surveyed the unmanly creature. Without speaking a word, he doubled up his fist, gave the fellow a blow, that sent him half over the street, and then walked away as if nothing had happened. — *Noah.*

A British vessel lately imported twenty bales U. S. Cotton into Liverpool, via. Halifax, on which was paid but 4d. per cwt. duty. An American ship, from New York, immediately claimed, under treaty, to have her cargo admitted on the same duty. The Collector could not decide the case, and it was referred to government. Memorials have also been sent to government, and to the American Ambassador. Thus this point may be brought to an early issue. The British have, indeed, a right to annul the treaty, giving a year's notice. New facts will probably arise before Congress meets.

Detroit, Oct. 2. Fortunate Escape.—One of those singularly fortunate escapes, when the adverse chances are as a thousand to one, occurred last week, a few miles above this city. A son of Mr. Henry Connor was harrowing, when he observed that the key of the yoke was falling out; while standing between the oxen, to fasten it, they took fright and ran. The boy supported himself on the yoke, and being shook from that, caught the chain in his hands as he was falling. He was carried in this way about fifty rods, when he fell to the ground, and the harrow, loaded with a heavy log, passed over him, cutting the skirt of a strong new blanket coat completely off. He arose uninjured, and without even the slightest contusion upon his person.

A correspondent of the Mobile Register recommends a decoction of the root of the dogwood tree in cases of tetanus or locked jaw. He says it was found to be an admirable specific in the American army during the revolutionary war, when such affection from gun-shot wounds were quite frequent.

Singular.—A short time since, a gentleman of Providence, R. I. was in the suburbs endeavouring to get a shot at a large eagle. Suddenly the eagle sprang upwards, and con-

tinued to wing his flight spirally to an immense height, nearly out of sight, when he fell to the earth, nearly on the spot from whence he had flown. On approaching the eagle a small weasel was observed to run from the body, and on examination it was found the animal had got under the eagle's wing, and commenced feasting upon his blood, until the noble bird fell from exhaustion. The little marauder then made his escape.

Upwards of three hundred barrels of Maple Sugar have been received by the Canal, which has been sold at five cents a pound. Last season, we understand, a parcel of about seventy barrels was received. It is supposed the manufacture of this article will increase and that it will soon be one of considerable importance. The supplies of Sugar from New Orleans have already increased to such an amount, that they are rapidly taking the place of Foreign Sugar, and it is supposed by many intelligent persons, that in a very few years the supplies from New Orleans and elsewhere, will be sufficient for the consumption, and no Foreign Sugar will be required.

N. Y. Daily Advertiser.

Hudson and Delaware Canal.—We observe, by a communication from Philip Home, Esq. to the Legislature of New York, that the whole line of this important canal, together with the railway connecting it with the coal mines of the Lackawaxen, will be entirely completed in a few days.

American Desert.—There is an extensive desert in the territory of the United States, west of the Mississippi, which is described in Long's Expedition to the Rocky Mountains, 400 miles to the east, and is 500 from north to south. There are deep ravines in which the brooks and rivers meander, skirted by a few stunted trees, but all the elevated surface is a barren desert, covered with sand, gravel, pebbles, &c. There are a few plants, but nothing like a tree, to be seen on these desolate plains, and seldom is a living creature to be met with. The Plateau, the Arkansas, and other rivers, flow through this dreary waste.

Pittsburg Spectator.

##### NOTICE.

HERE I give notice to all whom it may concern, that my son Biley James, has authority from me to transact business for himself, and to become responsible for his contracts, in as full and complete a manner as if he had attained the full age of twenty-one years.

Jesse James.

October 28.

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##### Watches, Jewellery, &c.

JUST received a fresh supply of WATCHES, JEWELLERY, &c. which will be sold low for cash.

Lemuel Lynch.

October 21.

53-3w

##### CASII.

THE subscriber will give Fifty Cents for good WHEAT, delivered at his Mill. He keeps for sale Flour, Bran, and Middlings.

J. Webb.

Sept. 30.

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##### A WATCH FOUND.

WAS found on the 13th of August, near the Mill of Jas. Fancett, a WATCH, which the owner can have on application to the subscriber, living near Catlett Campbell, esq. three miles west of Hillsborough.

Wm. Fancett.

October 21.

53-3w

##### NOTICE.

SOME time in the year of 1825, I gave to John Wilson two notes, one for 100 dollars, one for 150 dollars; and one other note was also given to Thomas D. Waits, sheriff, for the tax on a billiard table, for 500 dollars, by Adams & Wilson, and which was paid to the sheriff by Wilson; all of which notes I have paid to Wilson. At the time of our settlement he stated that he had destroyed or lost the notes. This is therefore to forewarn any person from trading for the said notes.

Wm. H. Adams.

October 21.

53-3w

##### NEGROES FOR SALE.

THE subscriber has a family of NEGROES consisting of five or six, which he will sell on accommodating terms, either together or singly.

M. Adams.

Oct. 21.

52-3w



#### SONG.

From Joanna Baillie's New Drama of "The Bride."

The gliding fish that takes his play  
In shady nook of streamlet cool,  
Thinks not how waters pass away,  
And summer dries the pool.  
  
The bird beneath his leafy dome  
Who trills his carol loud and clear,  
Thinks not how soon his verdant home  
The light'ning breath may sear.  
  
Shall I, within my bridegroom's bower  
With braids of budding roses twined,  
Look forward to a coming hour  
When he may prove unkind?  
  
The bee reigns in the waxen cell,  
The chieftain in his stately hold—  
To-morrow's earthquake—who can tell?  
May both in ruin fold.

#### On the character and Origin of the Low Country of North-Carolina.

By Elisha Mitchell, Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology, in the University of North Carolina.

(Concluded.)

Though the considerations that have been already offered seem to be sufficient to establish the truth of our proposition, "that the low country has not been produced by the action of causes that are still in operation," it will be still further illustrated by the remarks that are to follow. I proceed therefore to observe that—

2. *The low country has not been produced by a gradual encroachment of the land upon the sea, but became dry land throughout its whole extent, or nearly its whole extent, at one time.*

The human mind is very averse to a hunting amongst the causes of the phenomena it would explain, such as it never witnessed the action of; and rather prefers the supposition, that the known causes which are now confessedly inadequate to the effect, are, at sometimes, or have been on some former occasion, so magnified and enlarged, as to acquire the requisite degree of efficiency. Thus, finding the gulf stream and the waves, such as we now observe them, inadequate to the creation of the low country, we are ready to conceive of some condition of the Antediluvian ocean, when they operated with far greater energy, and when they threw up this district as easily as they now form the low sandy islands that are covered at every tide—that during this state of things, the land encroached continually upon the sea, till the low country, such as we now behold it, was the final result.

If instead of the strata of which this district is composed, we met with a totally irregular and confused collection of heaps of sand, this account of the matter would have more plausibility. The tendency of the irregular action of the waves, beating upon the coast, would be to form such a collection, and not those alternate layers of clay and sand, which we actually find. But the extension of the argument, that might be drawn from this source, is rendered altogether unnecessary, by the appearance of marine organic remains. This is quite decisive of the point, that the low country has not been gradually thrown up by the waves, during either the present or any former condition of the ocean.

It may be doubted whether Bergman was aware of the strict and philosophical accuracy of his language, and whether he did not consider himself as describing them by an elegant metaphor, when he denominated the shells that lie imbedded in the strata of the globe, the *medals of creation*. But, that this is their real character, that they furnish us with the only clue that can guide us in our attempts to unravel the ancient history of the earth, and the data from which we are to estimate the number, magnitude, and durations of the revolutions it has undergone, is becoming more and more evident from day to day. It is by means of their organic remains, that the geology of other countries has been established on firm foundations, and it is to the same objects, that we must apply ourselves, if we could give precision and accuracy to that of our own. Hitherto, they appear to have been observed in a very general manner, if not altogether neglected. And yet, they offer a rich harvest of discovery, to the individual, who has the requisite skill and leisure to gather it. The person who, with a good knowledge of the conchology of our waters, should pass through the alluvial district, and examine its marine organic remains, would soon find light from darkness. The shells are fragile from decay, but

so far as their forms are concerned, often in a state of perfect preservation, and they may be had to any amount. They have withal, a few characters, which must strike the most casual observer, and these are all that are necessary for our present argument.

Shells that are tossed by the waves, are soon ground to a fine powder, or at least worn smooth and deprived of their sharp processes and projections. Every person who has been upon the sea beach must have observed this.

But the shells of the low country present no such marks of attrition. I should not be safe in the assertion that I have never seen a water worn shell amongst our marine remains; I have occasionally picked them up—especially in the beds of branches and gullies, where the water and sand were continually passing over them, but they are exceedingly rare. The great body of the shells offer by their appearance, a conclusive evidence that they have never been tossed upon the beach. They still preserve in perfection, their minutest furrows and most tender and delicate processes. I have small bivalve shells, of which the two parts still cohere, though it requires the application of but a gentle force to separate them.

That the low country has not been gradually formed, is further proved, by the fact, that the shells are every where of the same age. They belong to the same genera and species, with such variations only as are common in the living animals in neighboring bays and harbors, and, in many cases, to the genera and species now inhabiting the Atlantic coast.

How far the agreement between them and the living races will be found to extend, I cannot say—the subject stands in great need of investigation, but it will probably be found to be pretty intricate. It is however to be remembered, that the eye of an experienced naturalist, will sometimes detect specific distinctions, where to one whose opportunities for observation had been less ample, there will appear to be a very exact resemblance.

That the shells are every where in the same state of decay, in places remote from each other, at a distance from and contiguous to the sea, is a matter of no uncertainty. If a person be presented with parcels from the upper part of Bladen county, from the bank of the northeast at Wilmington, seventy miles nearer to the sea, from the sides of the natural well in Duplin, and the banks of Fishing creek near Infield, and of the Meherrin at Murchisonborough, he will be unable to tell, except from the color and consistency of the sand and clay that is intermixed with them, from which locality they came.

All these appearances are totally at variance with the theory which attributes the low country to the gradual accretions of its shores. Were this view of the matter correct, we should have few large beds of shells—the shells would be worn smooth by the attrition of the sand, and the genera and species, and the state of preservation or decay, in which they are found, would be continually varying as we approached the ocean. This argument will not apply to the tract of alluvium that lies between the first shells and the fixed rocks, but most persons will be inclined to assign a common origin to the whole of this district.

3. *Though the low country became dry land throughout its whole extent, at one time, it was not formed by the sudden transportation, from a distance, into the beds which they now occupy, of the sand and clay, which constitute its strata.*

It is now a long time since I read Dr. Hayden's Geological Essays, so that I have but an imperfect recollection of their contents; but I believe he attributes the low country, in part at least, to the currents that have swept across the continent, and brought the sand and gravel of the regions about Hudson's Bay, and deposited them along our seaboard. Of course, that which now occupies the lower district of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, must have been borne across the central and western parts of North-Carolina.

That such currents may have swept over the Northern States, I am, from a few faint recollections I have of the beds of sand and gravel, strewn over the interior of the country, inclined to believe. But that they did not pass over the central and western parts of North-Carolina, or that if they passed, they brought nothing with them to deposit in the regions south of us—conclusive evidence is furnished by the fact, that no where, on either hill or valley, have they left the least trace of their action. They must have permitted some small quantities of sand and pebbles they were bearing on, to settle down and remain behind, but none are to be found.

Immediately east of the University of North Carolina, is a bed of red sandstone, about twenty miles across; immediately west, a still broader bed of ancient transition rocks. This is succeeded by a body of granite, not as I believe of the oldest formation, and the granite, by the gneiss and mica slate of the Alleghanies—about twenty five miles of the extreme western part of the state, still held by the Indians, belongs to the transition agglite of Tennessee. Throughout the whole line from the Hiwassee on the west, to the commencement of the alluvial on the east, a distance of about four hundred miles, and over all these formations, I have sought carefully for traces of currents and of diluvial action and deposit, but have found none. It is manifest that this entire region was originally thrown up in the state of rock, that this rock has gradually monitered into the soil that now covers it, and that no foreign matters are mingled with it. Except in the beds of the streams, the gravel is all sharp. There are no marks that a flood of waters, holding any thing suspended, has ever passed over it, or that during the deluge, recorded in the Scriptures, any thing was deposited upon it.

That the low country was not formed by the sudden introduction of the sand and gravel, that compose its strata, from the quarter of the sea, or indeed from any quarter whatever, conclusive evidence is furnished by the composition and aspect of the strata themselves.

Passing by the shells, the appearance of which is alone decisive of the point, we may remark that none of the recent beds of fine clay occurring amongst the strata of the globe, can have been produced by a cause that operated suddenly and violently. They be cannot be the effect of a rapid motion of any kind, such as the rushing of a current, or the dashing of the waves upon the shore.—Large bodies of clay are never transported like sand in this way, or if this should be thought possible, they will not be deposited in regular horizontal beds. Wherever such beds are found, they prove incontestably, that over the spot where they now lie, waters rendered turbid by the presence of particles of clay, which they held suspended, have stood till the clay was deposited. A single deposition will seldom be sufficient to account for the appearances. When the bed is thick, and especially if it separate readily into thin laminae, or if it be made up of alternate laminae of clay and sand, it will follow, that the same cause has operated there a number of times—that waters holding particles of fine clay suspended, have been repeatedly brought to the spot and detained there, till the earthy matters they contained have subsided.

All these appearances are exhibited by our low country. It is true, as has been already observed, that individual strata are of moderate extent and very variable thickness and composition, yet their appearance is such as to force conviction upon the mind, that they have been deposited from water at rest, and that considerable time was occupied in their formation. They are horizontal or nearly so. The beds of clay are sometimes free from admixtures of sand, but composed of a great number of layers, many of them not thicker than a wafer, that have evidently been added in succession, and sometimes there are alternate layers of clay and sand, from a twelfth to a quarter of an inch in thickness.

4. *The strata of the low country were formed in the bed of the sea, and this district became dry land either by a depression of the level of the ocean, or by the elevation of its bed, by a force operating beneath.*

In support of this proposition, I can offer only the single argument, upon which all our conclusions in the science of geology must necessarily rest, that it will account for all the appearances—the perfect preservation of the most delicate ridges, furrows, and processes of the shells—the uniformity of their characters, and the aspect of the beds of clay and sand. The particular by which the geologists of the present day are most remarkably distinguished from their predecessors of the last age, is the extreme caution with which they make their deductions. We are compelled by the evidence that surrounds us on every side, to admit the occurrence of ancient revolutions in the condition of the globe, of the particular causes of which we shall probably remain forever in darkness. The effects and attendant circumstances are so remote from any thing we are in the habit of witnessing, that we are at a

loss to conceive of any cause adequate to their production. All that we can do in these cases is to classify the facts. But the nearer we approach to our own age, with the greater safety, apparently, may we reason from the effects to the cause. It is what I have ventured to do in the preceding pages; it being acknowledged on all hands that the formation of the low country is among the more recent geological phenomena. Having satisfied my own mind of the correctness of the views here taken, I determined to submit them to the consideration of geologists;

believing that the establishment of a sound and accurate theory, or even an approach to it, always affords us essential aid in the further prosecution of our investigations. If their correctness shall be admitted, there will appear to be no improbability in the idea, that our sand and clay have not been brought to us, from the gulf of Mexico, but are the debris of rocks, that have been worn to pieces in the neighborhood of the places where they now lie, and strewed over the bottom of the sea—sand, from unknown causes, having been deposited in some situations, and clay in others.

Which of these causes, just specified, has produced this encroachment of the land upon the sea—whether a depression of the level of the ocean, or an elevation of its bed, we have no means of determining, from evidence furnished on the spot. We meet, occasionally, amongst the sand hills, with a sandstone and conglomerate of a tolerable firm texture, of which the people living where it occurs, say that it has been melted. But the marks of fusion are not as distinct as they are in the trap rocks. The question will probably be decided in favor of elevation, on the ground of what has been observed and settled in other countries.

Age of the low Country.

The shells that occur in it prove it to be a recent member of the series of strata, but the forests, by which it has long been covered, prove the era of its emerging from the sea, to be considerably remote. In digging the Clubfoot and Harlow canal, near the mouth of the Neuse river, the remains of both the mastodon and elephant were found. The races to which these remains belonged, are supposed to have become extinct, either before or at the time of the last great catastrophe, that changed the face of the globe.—The low country was inhabited, by these animals, therefore, before the time of the deluge recorded in the scriptures.

I am very respectfully yours,

E. MITCHELL.

University of North-Carolina, Oct. 10, 1827.

To the Editors of the National Intelligencer.

Washington, August 5, 1828.

GENTLEMEN:—The enclosed sermon, translated from the Arabic, and delivered I suppose, by one of the Mufti, I send you for publication, under the impression it will afford to many of the readers of your valuable paper some amusement, as well as account of its singularity as its novelty. Its elegance of style and lofty expressions surpass any composition on so small a scale I have seen.

Most respectfully yours,

your ob't serv't.

A MAHOMETAN SERMON,

Delivered at Algiers.

The attributes of the Deity were the subject of the Priest's discourse; and after some exordium, he elevated his voice, and exclaimed:

God alone is Immortal!

Abraham and Solomon have slept with their fathers; Cadiz, the first-born of faith; Ayesma, the beloved; Omar, the meek; Omri, the benevolent, the companions of the Apostle, and the sent of God himself; all died—but God, Most High, Most Holy, liveth forever! Infinites are to Him as the numerals of arithmetic to the sons of Adam! The earth shall vanish before the decrees of His eternal destiny; but He liveth and reigneth forever!

God alone is omniscient!

Michael, whose wings are full of eyes, is blind before Him! The dark night unto Him is as the rays of morning; for he noticed the creeping of the small and in the dark night upon the black stone; and apprehendeth the motion of an atom in the open air.

God alone is omnipresent!

He toucheth the immensity of space as a point; He moveth the depths of the Ocean, and Mount Atlas is hidden by the sole of His foot! He breatheth fragrant odours to cheer the blessed in Paradise, and enliveth the pale frame in the profoundest hell!

God alone is omnipotent!

He thought, and worlds were created; He frowned, and they dissolve

into smoke; He smiteth and the torments of the damned are suspended. The thunderings of His voice! The rustlings of His attire causeth lightning and an earthquake; and with the shadow of His garment He blotteth out the Sun!

God alone is merciful!

When He forged His immutable decrees on the anvils of eternal wisdom, He tempered the miseries of the human race in the fountains of pity. When He laid the foundations of the world, He dropped a tear upon the embryo miseries of unborn men; and that tear falling through the immensurable lapses of time, shall quench the glowing flames of the bottomless pit. He sent his Prophet into the world to enlighten the darkness of the tribes; and hath prepared the pavilions of the Hour for the repose of the true believers.

God alone is just!

He chains the latent cause to the distant event, and binds them both immutably fast to the fitness of things. He decreed the unbeliever to wander amid the whirlwind of error, and suited his soul to future torment. He promulgated the ineffable creed, and the germs of countless souls of believers which existed in the contemplation of the Deity expanded at the sound. His justice refreshed the faithful, while the damned spirits confessed it in despair.

God alone is one!

Abraham, the faithful knew it; Moses declared it amidst the thunders of Sinai; Jesus pronounced it; and the messenger of God, the sword of his vengeance, filled the world with that immutable truth. Surely there is ONE GOD, IMMORTAL, OMNISCIENT, OMNIPRESENT, MOST MERCIFUL and JUST, and Mahomet is his Apostle!

A SELF MADE MAN.

Roger Sherman, of Connecticut, was the son of poor parents; the business marked out to him for life was the sedentary and laborious employment of a shoemaker. But while his hand wrought in his humble, though useful occupation, a providential occurrence led him to aspire after a higher station in life. He was requested by a friend to seek for him legal advice at a neighboring town. The precision, and accuracy with which he made known the case to the attorney consulted, excited surprise, and led to the intimation that his mind was fitted to higher pursuits. But how could this hint be improved? The advantages of education were not within his reach. Even should he relax his daily toil, want and suffering were near to him and to those he loved.

"Alone the oar he plied; the rapids, night—To pause but for a moment, was to die."

Neither at that time, were there kind, liberal patrons, or generous associations, to which he might look with hope of assistance. He saw that all his resources were in himself, and he resolved that the power of these resources should be tried; and in the strength of this resolution, he rose from the bench of the shoemaker, seated himself in the Halls of our Congress, and when there, he took his place with the first. For powers of discrimination, and for solidity of judgment, he had not his superior in that assembly of mighty men. Yes, this was the man whom Fisher Ames, when he had been prevented from hearing debate, felt it safe to follow in his vote, for he always voted right. This is the man, too, of whom the late illustrious Jefferson declared, that he never said a foolish thing in his life; and yet this same man was a self made man. Prof. Newman.

Distance of the Fixed Stars.—Dr. Brinkley (the Bishop of Cloyne) has found that the star a Lyra has a parallax of 1 min. 1 sec; or, what is the same thing, that the radius of the earth's annual orbit would, if seen from that star, subtend an angle of 1 min. 1 sec.; hence it follows, that its distance is 20,159,665,000 miles.—Sir William Herschel, from repeated measurements, considers the diameter of this star as three-tenths of a second; and consequently, its diameter must be three thousand times greater than that of the sun, 2,659,000,000 miles, or three fourths of the size of the whole solar system, as circumscribed by the orbit of the Georgium Sidus.

Quarterly Review.

Warts and Corns.—It is stated that the bark of a willow tree, burnt to ashes, mixed with strong vinegar, and applied to the parts, will remove all warts, corns, or excrescences on any part of the body.

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